MADINO CASTLE
...WITH CHAGALL HEADING OFF TO SILVAIL,
ELTOSHAN IS OUR LAST RAY OF HOPE.
YEAH...
ALL I CAN DO IS TRUST IN THAT LAST RAY TO NOT DIE OUT.

I KNOW THAT.
I DON'T THINK CHAGALL HAS ABANDONED HIS GOAL OF RECAPTURING AGUSTY.
"TRUST" ...IS IT?
PERHAPS "PRAYING" WOULD BE A BETTER WORD TO DESCRIBE IT.
THIS IS EXACTLY THE SITUATION I SAID WE WOULD BE IN HAD WE NOT TAKEN ACTION.
...THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE CASE.

LINEUP TO THE NORTH-WEST OF AGUSTY!?
DO YOU PLAN TO FIGHT AGAINST MY BROTHER, LORD SIGURD!?
IN CASE THE WORST HAPPENS.
THE WORST CASE ...
DO YOU NOT HAVE FAITH IN MY BRO-THER!?

YOU'D BEST RETURN TO ELTO'S SIDE.

WE WILL BE DEPARTING MADINO SOON. PLEASE BEGIN MAKING YOUR PREPARA-TIONS.
OKAY, FINN.

LADY LACHESIS.

...ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH NOT RETURNING TO LORD ELTOSHAN?
THAT IS WHY I AM REMAINING IN THIS ARMY.
FOR YOU TO HAVE TO FACE LORD ELTOSHAN AS AN ENEMY IS TOO MUCH...
YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT.
YOU WANT TO...BE DEPLOYED TO THE FRONT LINES?
IT'S MUCH TOO DANGEROUS!!

THERE IS SOME-THING ONLY I CAN DO!!
THAT IS WHY I AM ASKING YOU TO ALLOW ME TO BE DEPLOYED TO THE FRONT!
DON'T ENGAGE IN BATTLE!!
THEN...TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO! WHAT IF OUR FEARS COME TRUE!!
YOU MUST NOT FIGHT AGAINST MY BROTHER!
BESIDES, I TOLD YOU TO RETURN TO ELTO'S ARMY!!
AND I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU EITHER! YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME!!
I BEG YOU...!
...OKAY.

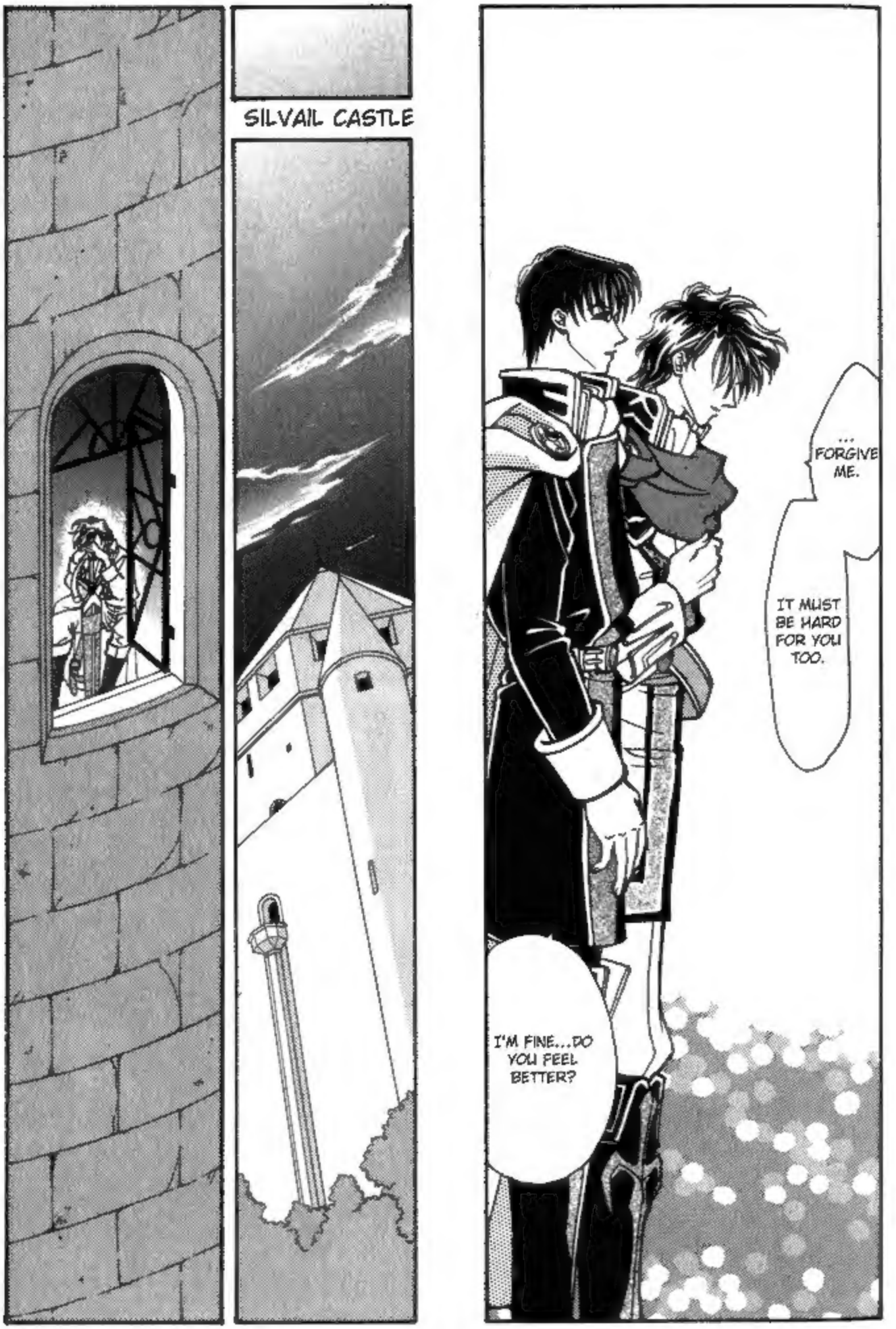
"THANK YOU, LACHESIS..."
NO PROBLEM. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, YOU CAN LEAVE IT TO ME.
IF THERE ARE NO TROOPS STATIONED AT MADINO, THE ORGAHIL PIRATES WILL REALIZE THAT SOMETHING STRANGE HAS HAPPENED.
I LEAVE IT TO YOU.
I'LL STAY WITH THE PRINCESS!
tiptoes
HEY, DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!
She's mine!
DEW...
Don't call me... princess.
WELL THEN, JAMKA.
IS IT OKAY IF YOUR TROOPS STAY IN MADINO?

THE LIFE OF A "KNIGHT" IS NOT AN EASY THING.

LORD SIGURD... HE MUST BE SUFFERING ON THE INSIDE.
YEAH...
IN TIMES LIKE THESE, THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN DO.

BY REMAINING HERE, WE CAN AT LEAST RELIEVE HIM OF SOME OF THE BURDEN HE IS CARRYING...

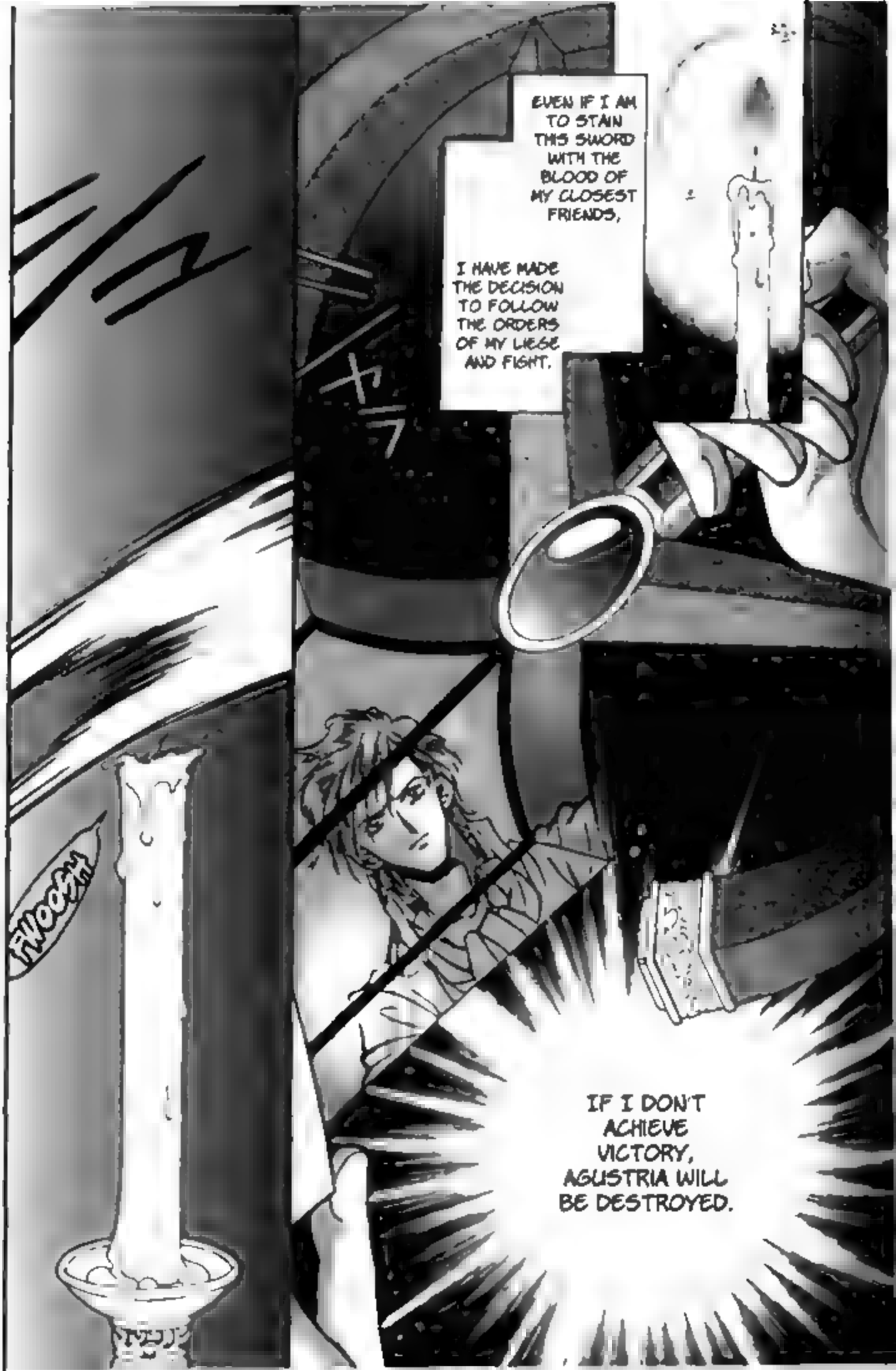
MY LIEGE GAVE ME THE RESPONSI-BILITY OF MAINTAINING PEACE IN AGUSTY.
I HAVE SWORN ALLEGIANCE TO MY KING AS A HOLY KNIGHT OF GRANDBELL. I MUST FULFILL ALL THE DUTIES BESTOWED UPON ME.
...EVEN IF THOSE DUTIES REQUIRE POINTING MY SWORD TOWARDS MY TRUSTED FRIEND...
IF I...!!
IF I HAVE TO POINT MY SWORD AT MY TRUSTED FRIEND, THEN I WOULD RATHER DIE BY HIS BLADE INSTEAD...!
IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION AS A COM-MANDER TO MAKE SURE YOUR TROOPS ARE PREPARED.
IT IS NOT A MATTER TO CONDEMN YOURSELF FOR.
TRUS-TED FRIEND ...HUH?
NO, THAT'S A LIE. EVEN LACHESIS SAID SO HERSELF.
IF HE WAS MY FRIEND, I WOULD NEVER HAVE ORDERED THE TROOPS TO COME OUT HERE.


SILVAIL CASTLE
I'M FINE...DO YOU FEEL BETTER?
IT MUST BE HARD FOR YOU TOO.
...FORGIVE ME.

YOUR MAJESTY!! IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE!
BECAUSE OF YOUR INACTION, NOT ONLY HAS THE CAMPAIGN TO RECAPTURE AGUSTY FAILED,
BUT MADINO HAS BEEN TAKEN TOO!
I BEG YOU..!
THIS WAR IS FUTILE.
I'M SURE IF YOU DISMISS YOUR TROOPS NOW, LORD SIGURD WILL NOT ORDER A PURSUIT.
YOUR MAJESTY! DID YOU NOT LISTEN TO MY SUGGESTIONS!?
BY RAISING AN ARMY, YOU HAVE GIVEN GRANDBELL AN EXCUSE TO ATTACK US...!
SHUT UP!!
IF WE JUST WAIT FOR THE TIME BEING, AGUSTRIA WILL BE RETURNED TO YOUR RULE!

AS THE RULER OF AGUSTRIA, I HEREBY REVOKE YOU OF YOUR TITLE AS AN AGUSTRIAN HOLY KNIGHT.
YOUR MAJESTY ...!
WHA...!?
YOU...STILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A PERSON FROM GRANDBELL?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO DESTROY AGUSTRIA BY ALLOWING THE ENEMY TO OVERTAKE US!?
SFX: HAHAHAHA
OR HAVE YOU TURNED INTO A COWARD AFRAID TO RISK HIS OWN LIFE IN BATTLE?
YOUR MAJESTY! YOUR WORDS ARE TOO HARSH ...!!
HA! WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD CALL YOU THE BRAVE "LION KING"!!
TRYING TO DEAL WITH KNIGHTS LIKE YOU IS A WASTE OF MY TIME.

TAKE BACK THE CAPITAL!!
LEAD YOUR CROSS KNIGHTS AND GO FIGHT FOR ME!
THEN GIVE ME PROOF OF YOUR LOYALTY!
YOU WOULD GO SO FAR AS TO REVOKE MY TITLE..?
MY LOYALTY HAS ALWAYS, AND WILL ALWAYS BE, WITH AGUSTRIA AND MY LIEGE
. IT SEEMS ANYTHING I SAY
IS FUTILE . HUH?
VERY WELL
AHH, AT THAT TIME I SHOULD HAVE BEEN FULLY PREPARED TO MAKE THAT DECISION.

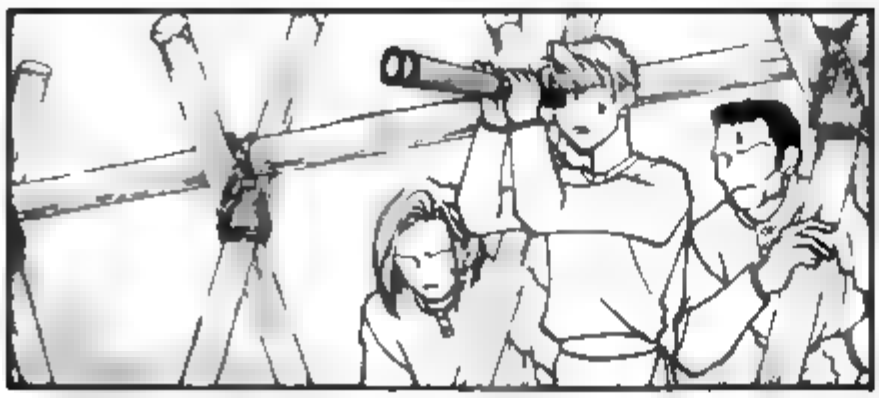

EVEN IF I AM TO STAIN THIS SWORD WITH THE BLOOD OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS,
I HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF MY LIEGE AND FIGHT.
WOOSH
IF I DON'T ACHIEVE VICTORY, AGUSTRIA WILL BE DESTROYED.

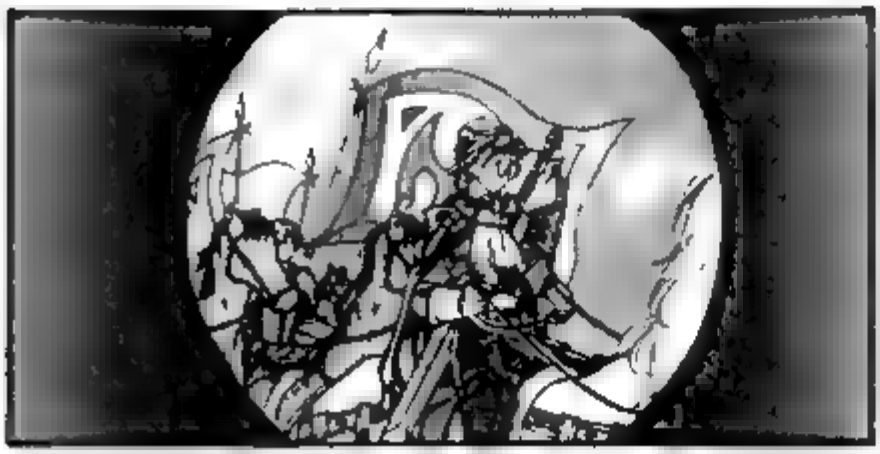
. SHALL I BRING A LAMP?
I DON'T REALLY MIND IT LIKE THIS.
STATE YOUR PURPOSE
PARDEN MY INTRUSION.
IN-DEED?
ENTER
. I SEE.
THAT MEANS HE TOO IS PREPARED FOR WHAT'S TO COME
ALSO, ACCORDING TO ONE OUR SCOUTS, THE GRANDBELL ARMY HAS SITUATED THEMSELVES NORTHWEST OF AGUSTY CASTLE
IT APPEARS THAT THEY HAVE SPREAD OUT THEIR FORCES IN ORDER TO BLOCK THE ROAD TO AGUSTY
PREPARA-TIONS FOR ALL CROSS KNIGHTS TO LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

AGAINST US?

AS SOON AS WE ENTER COMBAT, I WANT YOU TO FIND LACHESIS AND BRING HER TO SAFETY
IS THAT CLEAR?
YES
INDECH
..SHE PROBABLY STILL BELIEVES IN ME
BELIEVES THAT I WILL CHOOSE NOT TO FIGHT SIGURD
NOT EXACTLY THE WAY I PICTURED OUR REUNION.
YOU WILL PROBABLY CONDEMN ME.
I NOT ONLY HAVE BETRAYED SIGURD, BUT I HAVE BETRAYED YOU AS WELL.

TOO LATE TO TURN BACK AFTER THIS?
OR IS IT
HEH! SO HE FINALLY MOVED OUT
IT'S ABOUT TIME.
ALL RIGHT! ALL THE TROOPS REMAINING IN SILVAIL WILL NOW BE UNDER MY COMMAND!
AM I CLEAR!?



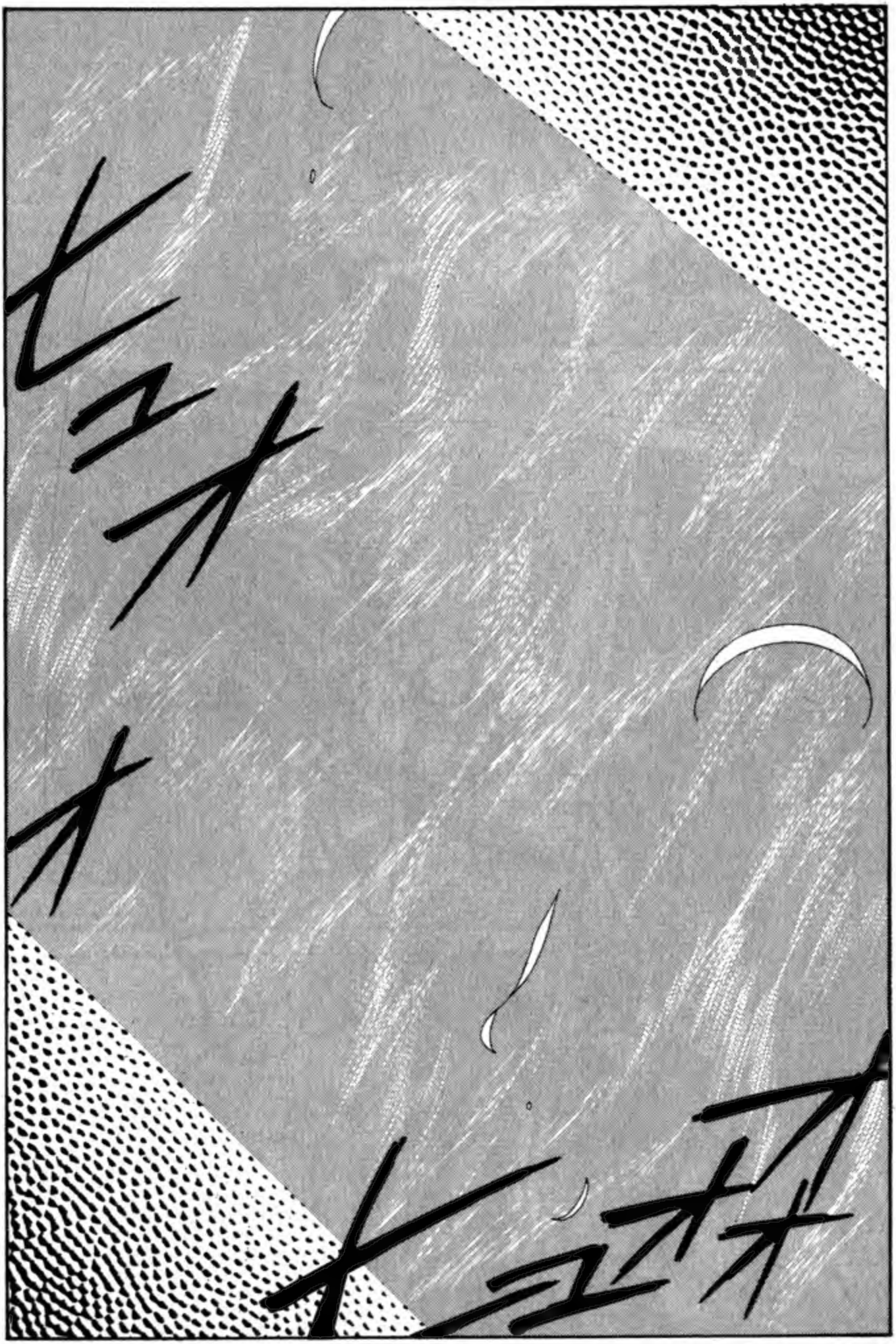


NORTHWEST OF AGUSTY

I HOPE YOU'RE OKAY, SIGURD
I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
ELTO'S CROSS KNIGHTS ARE AGUSTRIA'S MOST ELITE GROUP OF KNIGHTS
IF OUR COMMANDER DOESN'T PUT HIS FULL MIND INTO IT, OUR CASUALTIES WILL ONLY MULTIPLY

SO THE TIME HAS FINALLY ARRIVED

HOWEVER.. UNTIL OUR SWORDS ACTUALLY CROSS
I WILL CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN ELTO...
SFX: NOD



SFX: WHOOSH WHOOSH

EL TO...

COMMENT

TRANSLATION: TOMOYO
CLEANING: LIGHTSNAKE
TYPESETTING: TOMOYO
SCANNING: AQUANTIS
PROOFREADER: TRIMURTI
MINOR CORRECTIONS/QC: AQUANTIS, VINCENTASM

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